

Wichita Daily Eagle

AMUSEMENTS.

LAST SHOW OF THE SEASON.

Crawford Grand Opera House Tonight.

Charles W. Goodyear is one of the best known minstrel performers on the American stage, having appeared in every city in the United States and Canada with his own and all the best companies on the road. He has a dry droll style of his own and is the fastest talker that blacks his face. His specialty this season is better than ever; his songs are all new and every witticism as bright as the dew that sparkles in the morning sunlight.

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The famous and most artistic living delineator of negro characters is George H. Edwards. He is called the entirely different comedian and has an entirely new repertoire this season.

Among the great comedians are Symonds, Hughes and Ransom. Young Ransom is the greatest dancer in the world. M. Elitch offers \$1,000 for his equal. There are the sweet singers, the Bentley Brothers' Southern Quartette; also a sextette of singers. The amazing wonders, the acrobatic marvels, the Brothers Leondor, call of the highest, strongest men on earth. With assistance of ten other artists they represent Greek and Roman gladiatorial contests, mythological, historical and biblical statuary. Reserved seats may be had at the box office at any time during the day. Election returns will be read from the stage.

ORGAN RECITAL.

Mr. Archer is certainly the most accomplished organist that ever appeared in this city, and his performance last night justified the claim of his friends that he is the greatest organist now living. He appeared six times on the program, the numbers that aroused the other artists being the "Storm," a remarkable composition, executed very artistically, and an original favorite in F, of which the audience demanded three repetitions.—Indianapolis Journal.

At First Methodist Episcopal church, Friday evening, April 10.

The Lotus Glee club will give a concert in this city on the 14th inst. The Boston Herald says of this: "The Lotus Glee club making its first appearance here this season on this occasion. There is no need to add a word to the commendation already given these singers. They have made their names and fame known on both continents, and richly merit all the high praise that has been given them at home and abroad. The selections were veritable gems in quartette singing, and they were applauded with enthusiasm after each appearance."

HARMONIC UNION CONCERT.

The Harmonic Union concert to be given at the Lewis academy next Monday evening will be the musical event of the season. This society has met regularly once a week for the past eighteen months, and under the able direction of Prof. George C. Young has developed into a musical organization of which there is no superior in the state of Kansas.

THE COURTS.

DISTRICT COURT.
Motions heard. Jury is discharged for one week from last Saturday.

COMMON PLEAS COURT.
Court adjourned till Wednesday.

PROBATE COURT.
Court open for the April term of the year 1891.

Third account of T. L. Hawthorn as administrator of the estate of R. W. Elliott, deceased, approved and resignation of administrator accepted.

Fourth and final settlement of S. E. High, deceased, approved. Affidavit of publication notice of final notice filed and said High discharged.

Additional bond of John F. Houck, as administrator of the estate of W. H. Travis, deceased, filed and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The King's Daughters of the Unitarian church will give their "SS" social at the rooms of Mrs. L. S. Carter, 407 East Douglas avenue, this evening, supper six, seven, so on, sumptuous substantial stylishly served.

WICHITA LIGHT INFANTRY, ATTENTION!
(Company Order No. —)

Both First and Second platoons of this company will meet at 8 o'clock this (Tuesday) evening at the armory for drill and organization of drill squad. By order of W. IRVING OSBORN, Captain, I. H. HERTING, First Sgt.

Regular meeting Tuesday evening at A. O. U. W. hall. All members will please take notice of the fact and come prepared to meet an obligation, as the secretary has not the time to call upon each member personally. H. A. HANSEN, Pres. dist.

THE SESS OF SUELL.

The eye is used only for seeing, and the ear for hearing, but the nose is one of the organs that serve a double purpose. It is not only the seat of the sense of smell, but was intended to be the principal organ through which man should breathe. Its circuitous passages, warm and moist, protect the lungs by taking the chill from the inspired air and arresting irritating dust.

The whole nose is not concerned in the act of smelling. The olfactory nerves, which alone take cognizance of odors, are situated in the upper third of the nasal chambers, out of the line of ordinary inhalation. For this reason we do not usually notice odors unless they are somewhat strong; but when we sniff—draw the air into the upper part of the nostrils and hold it there for a few moments—we become aware of the faintest scent.—Youth's Companion.

FRANCE'S EXECUTIVE.

The president of France is chosen by a majority vote of both branches of parliament sitting together as a joint assembly, and his term is seven years. Usually, however, he is compelled to step down from office by pressure from parliament before his term ends. The constitution gives him the authority to select a ministry, which must comprise members of parliament; to conclude treaties with foreign nations, to appoint to the chief military and civil posts, to pardon offenders, and in concurrence with the senate to dissolve the chamber of deputies and bring about a new election. These are the powers of the president. The present executive—Carnot—was elected on Dec. 3, 1887.

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THE ARIZONA KICKER.
We extract the following from the last issue of the Arizona Kicker:
In Town.—We received a call yesterday from Major Jim Porter, of Deep Out, who owns the biggest mail ranch in all Arizona, and who will probably be our next governor. The history of the major is that of other hustling, energetic men. Failing as a lawyer in Chicago he came west, failed as a man at Cheyenne, bought an old mining claim in Nevada, shot another man in Idaho, ran for sheriff in Colorado, killed a man at Tombstone, and finally settled down on a ranch at Deep Out to enjoy the fruit of his labors and take things easy. His case is one which the youths of our country would do well to emulate.

A Sure Way of Killing Owls.
Frost (Bunker, of the Dead River region, is a guide who, it is said, is a successful rival to James A. Smith, of Phillips—a Rangely guide—in story telling. Frost is intimately acquainted with "John Smith," who is well known in all parts of the country. He says he was with John on a hunting trip once on a time, when they came upon a man who had fired at an owl (perched in a big tree) about a dozen times without success. As they approached the stranger offered John a five dollar bill if he would secure the owl. John cocked his rifle and walked around the tree.

The owl turned his head in the same direction as far as John walked. John kept on going around the tree, the owl turning his head all the while. Just as John completed the tenth circuit the owl's head was twisted off and he fell to the ground dead. John said small owls couldn't be killed that way because their feet would fly up in turning.—Phillips (Me) Phonograph.

Salaries of Old English Actors.
Kean never spent more than two or three thousand pounds upon a revival, and this was considered marvellous in those days. Messrs. Irving and Wilson Barrett have more than doubled such sums. Again, salaries were incomparably smaller. For some time John Ryder, who played second to Kean, received only three pounds ten shillings a week until, discovering that another actor of about equal position was in the receipt of eight pounds, he threatened to break his engagement unless his salary was at once doubled, a request which was complied with. Now such an actor would command from thirty to fifty pounds a week. On the other hand, Kean raised the ballet girls from a shilling a night, their old pay, out of which they had to find shoes and stockings, to a guinea a week, and found them everything.

THE CITY OF TITLES.

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[Special Correspondence.]
WASHINGTON, March 2.—This is preeminently the city of titles. If you come to Washington to live bring your title with you. If you have none, order one made along with your new dress coat. You will find it very convenient here. The man without a title is lonesome in Washington. He feels humble, useless, almost humiliated. He endures for a time his sad condition, but in the end one of two things—he acquires a noble title, or he better to say secure, or obsequious, or wears a title; or else he gives it up and moves away. It is one of the best known traditions of the national capital that there is no place like it for titles—no place in which titles grow so thickly and luxuriously. Nine men out of ten have some sort of a handle to their names. The national weakness for titles appears to be concentrated here at the national seat. We even insist upon giving more titles to foreign dignitaries than they have a right to, and persistently thrust upon some of them who have no titles at all the highest titular honors.

To the average American it is incredible that every member of the diplomatic corps is not a baron or count or marquis or something of the kind. He looks at a man who is American, what the deuce is he doing over here? What right have the effete monarchies to send plain ministers to represent them at the court of Uncle Sam? Are we not as good as other nations? Thus the impatient Yankee goes on and on, exposing his ignorance and his inferiority at the same time. It is a lamentable fact that we plain, common, every day republicans, who boast of our democracy and wax eloquent over the absurdity that all men were born free and equal, are the crassest of all the crasse people in the world.

At a White House reception last month Senator Saunders, of Montana, eagerly grasped the fat paw of the good natured British minister and exclaimed, "My dear Lord Parncliffe, how are you?" "I am very well, fortunate enough to be here, and to meet you, my dear senator, but not fortunate enough to be a lord," replied the minister suavely. Mr. Parncliffe is Sir Julian, and that's all. But three Americans out of four insist upon promoting him to the peerage. When Sackville West was British minister here the snobs of our society almost invariably called him "Lord West," though he was until within a year or so of his departure from Washington nothing but plain "Mr. West."

In the same way we insist upon putting "de" before the names of all our friends from France and Italy, and "von" before those from Germany, irrespective of the proprieties. During the recent international marine congress held in this city a distinguished looking delegate, whom the Americans had always addressed as "Baron," finally made this statement: "I am true we have chases and titles and nobility in my country, but it is not true, as some of you appear to suppose, that all the men who become noted or useful have titles. In England I am always called 'M. de'—but in America where I understand you have neither titles nor chases, I am always 'Baron de'—At home, in my own country, I am plain M. —."

A very distinguished diplomat is M. Theodore Roustan, who since 1882 has so ably and acceptably represented the French Republic at this capital. He is nothing but plain monsieur in France or master America, but the society tuft-honors decline to let him off with anything less than a marquise. The same thing is true of M. Charles de Struve, the Russian minister, who never had a title in Russia, but in America is a baron, whether he will or not. A mistake so common as to pass unnoticed is that of speaking of the German or French or Chinese embassy in Washington. There is no such thing as an embassy here, for the simple reason that there are no ambassadors. In pursuance of the principles of simplicity laid down by our forefathers, the United States to this day refuses to give even the most important of its representatives abroad a higher title than that of minister, or to use accurate terms, "minister plenipotentiary and envoy extraordinary."

Diplomatic usage doesn't permit us to receive from other countries representatives of higher rank than we send to their courts, and consequently there are no ambassadors here and no embassies—simply ministers and legations. "Minister plenipotentiary and envoy extraordinary" sounds as big as all out doors, but it is pretty small potatoes compared to a genuine ambassador. I know an able, accomplished, amiable, even pious gentleman who was once in the diplomatic service of this country as minister to a European court. He was never known to indulge in manner except when he spoke of the manner in which he used to cool his heels in the ante-room of the prime minister while the ambassadors from Monaco and Monte Carlo and Casteles and a lot of other one horse powers were going in and out, each in his turn, and casting, as they passed him by, lofty glances of pity and superiority upon the unfortunate minister from the United States of America.

Yet it must not be supposed we have no titled foreigners here. We are overrun with them. The young ladies who winter fairly bewildered by the array of titled foreigners which their astonished eyes behold. The Austro-Hungary sends us for minister a gay and handsome chevalier, Schmit von Tavera, and he is assisted in the management of the legation by the Baron Vriers, the Chevalier de Krapf-Liverhoff and Count Bela Bathany, the last named being a descendant of the great Bathany family of Hungary, compeers of Kowath. Belgium, a land in which counts are as thick as windmills, sends a plain minister as its minister to the United States, but, mindful of the necessities of Washington society, gives him for secretary Count Gaston d'Archoet and Baron Raoul de Vrom.

The Chinese minister and nearly all of the attaches of the Chinese legation are men of high rank, but their titles, unfortunately, are not known to the average American. The Persian, the Siamese, the Turkish ministers have suffices to their names which are in the European sense titles. If you happen to meet the minister from Siam do not address him as Mr. Phya Menkar Sorn, but as Phya Menkar Sorn, a Wongsong. To leave off the Wongsong is a mortal offense, like that of addressing a colonel of the regular army as major.

The Persian minister who got his dander up and left this country in high dudgeon, and who has not yet come back, though his name is carried on the roll of ministers at the state department, has a very high title. Instead of calling him Khan Heshm Ghobly, you must put the title on the other end, and call him correctly and more euphoniously Hadji Heshm Ghobly Khan. In case he comes back to Washington, for Heaven's sake don't call him Mr. Khan, as some of our natives did when he was here before. It would be quite as appropriate to address the British minister as "Mr. Sir." A Khan is nothing less than an hereditary prince, ranking approximately with grand duke, and therefore near royal itself. The Turkish minister, Marouf Bey, enjoys a high title. To be a boy to be one of the class. The secretary of the Persian legation, when there is a legation here—it is now all in Persia—is another Khan, and a very handsome young oriental. Mirza Mahmoud is, too, and his return to America is eagerly awaited by many belles of society. Denmark sends us only one diplomat, but he has a title—Count W. de Sponneck. Count Sala is secretary of the French legation.

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Germany does us the honor of sending a count for a minister, and he is accompanied by two barons, Von Eckardstein and Speck von Steinberg. Herr Von Mumm, Schwabenzheim, has no title, but he possesses that which contains all the titles in the diplomatic corps—a fortune of a million dollars or more, made by his ancestors in the manufacture of Mumm's extra dry. Great Britain contributes to Washington a secretary of legation, the most exquisite dandy that ever wore a cane or breathed a lisp, but the titles are confined to Sir Julian's sir and the captains of the two naval attaches. A distinguished diplomat is Baron de Fava, the Italian minister, who has had so much to do to do late. Baron Fava is devoted to society, and is quite dandy in his tastes; but he has a son who is one of the rising architects and civil engineers in this country, having an office in Washington in which twenty or thirty persons are employed.

The baron and his son had a quarrel not long ago, and do not speak as they pass by; yet so far as I know he is the only son of a foreign minister who has ever done any good for himself in this country. The secretary of the Italian legation is Marquis Imperiali. Spain sends us a few senior jurists, who are a sort of honorable ministers, and a commander and a captain, respectively naval and military attaches. From Sweden and Norway we have one past baron—H. J. Beck-Fris, a right good fellow, despite the manner in which he parts his name.

Our own military, civil and other titles are almost endless in number and variety. Fully three-fourths of the senators and representatives in congress have such extra titles as captain, major, colonel, general, judge. It seems a little absurd to speak habitually of a man like McKinley, whose civil career completely overshadows his military services, as "the major." The persianity with which military and judicial titles are applied to members of the lower house of congress is easily explained. It is almost impossible to approach a gentleman and say to him, "Representative, how are you this morning?" Nor is it easy and graceful to say, "Mr. Representative," or "Mr. Congressman," or "Congressman," and if the man has ever been called colonel or general or judge or governor anything you seize upon that and make use of it at once. It is different with the senators. There is no title that is smoother, more graceful, that comes more easily and nimbly from the tongue. Once a senator always a senator, because the title is so convenient. In the senate and in the second house of congress outside titles are nearly always dropped. Even the proud and aristocratic general and judge have to give way before all conquering senator.

In the executive department of the government the titles are very awkward. It is all right to say "Mr. Secretary" to the heads of the state, treasury, war, navy, interior and agricultural departments, but make you ever try to walk up to Mr. Wainmaker and exclaim, "Mr. Postmaster General, I have called, etc." or to Mr. Miller, saying, "Mr. Attorney General, I wish to know," etc. If you have you know how uncomfortable those titles hang on the tongue, though they seem easy and facile enough in fact. But if Mr. Postmaster General is awkward, what shall be said of Mr. First Assistant Postmaster General? When the popular and much sought Mr. Clarkson occupied that post position naturally contracted the official title to simple general, and in consequence of the use of that labor saving device Mr. Clarkson is a full-fledged general, and he will go to go down to his grave, though he never smelled gunpowder save on the Fourth of July. Mr. Assistant Attorney General and Mr. Assistant Secretary of the Treasury are other awkward titles.

Step into a Washington street car, and every other fellow next you will have a title. He is a senator or M. C., a judge, an ex of something or other, a general, colonel, lieutenant, major, captain, corporal, an admiral, commander, ensign, paymaster or surgeon, active or retired, a secretary or assistant to some secretary or other official, an auditor or commissioner, a professor or a chief. And as for Kentucky titles—the judges, majors, generals and knaves—they are innumerable, irrepressible, apparently imperishable.

What a Joke Mako Says.

NEW YORK, March 24.—A professional humorist used to me the other day: "There is a great trait about jokes which both readers and writers recognize in practice but do not often formulate. It is this: 'A good joke improves no less with age than does the wine of a humorist. Once upon a time there was a famous humorist whose tolerably bad lecture started off and ended with two of the most exquisite jokes ever invented. People traveled miles and sat patiently through the same lecture year after year in order to sport their sides laughing at the same old jokes. After the effect of the introductory jokes had worn off there was always perfect silence until the lecture was three-quarters done, when the auditions of an audience which had never been swayed would begin to break out in gurgling laughter, nods, winks and whispers of 'Is he coming?' And when at last this well-seasoned old chunk of wit brought the performance to a close the very roof was raised."

"But one day, right there was a bad case of dyspeptic pessimism in a front seat. It is true that when he roared 'Cheer up!' at the first joke the audience nearly mobbed him, but the lecturer's tender spot was touched. He prepared a new lecture, which began and ended with two new jokes, and when he came to the old ones he walked upon the platform with his new manuscript in his hand he